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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby requests an extension of time of two months for responding to the final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 27, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 27, 2006 final Office Action was originally due September 27, 2006.

Enclosed is a check for the \$450.00 statutory extension fee for filing a response within the second month pursuant to §1.136(a) by other than a small entity. Accordingly, the due date for responding to the June 27, 2006 final Office Action is now November 27, 2006, and the Request for Continued Examination submitted concurrently herewith is being timely filed.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any other required fees, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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